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Under command of His Highness the Maharaja, the Dewan issued the following notification as a Gazette Extraordinary dated 1st April 1935 regarding the celebration in Travancore of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the reign of His Most Gracious Majesty the King, Emperor of India:—

NOTIFICATION.

"It is the desire of His Highness the Maharaja that the completion of the twenty-fifth year of the glorious reign of His Most Gracious Majesty the King, Emperor of India, should be celebrated throughout Travancore in a manner befitting the important and auspicious event.

"His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to command that the 6th and 7th May 1935 should be observed as public holidays throughout the State.

"His Highness notices, with satisfaction, the movement already set on foot for offering the united homage of the country to His Majesty on the occasion and feels confident that, in the public rejoicings and demonstrations in all parts of the State, the unprompted impulses of the people will show themselves equal to the feelings and sentiments which the unrivalled goodness, greatness and lustre of His Majesty's reign must ever command.

"The District Officers will arrange to notify the event to the public at large so that its significance might be properly understood and suitable arrangements made for local celebration."

2. An official programme of the celebrations by the State was drawn up and the District Officers were asked to arrange for suitable local celebrations.

3. The 6th and the 7th May were observed as public holidays throughout the State, in honour of the Silver Jubilee.

4. Special thanksgiviug services were held iu churches and mosques aud special poojas in temples throughout the State ou the morning of the 6th May.

5. The Jubilee Celebratious began with a ceremouial parade at 6–45 A. M. ou the 6th May on the Brigade Parade Grouud.

His Highness' Body Guard, the Travaucore artillery, and the two Battalious of the Nayar Brigade with the Nayar Brigade Band took part in the functiou. The cavalry and infantry formed up in 'line'. Oue battery of artillery in action, according to the traditional practice, was located on each flank of the line.

The Agent to the Governor-General arrived at 7 A. M. aud was received by the Dewan and the Commandant, and was given a "General Salute". by the troops on Parade.

His Highness the Maharaja accompanied by Their Highuesses the Elaya Raja, Maharaui Setu Parvati Bayi and the First Princess and Mr. Goda Varma Raja arrived at 7-5 A. M. and were received by the Dewan and the Commandant.

His Highuess the Maharaja then proceeded to the Saluting Base, accompanied by the Commaudant and was received with a Royal Salute, the Band playing the Travancore National Anthem. The Travancore Staudard was broken at the head of the Flag Staff, as the Royal Salute was giveu by the troops.

Wheu His Highness the Maharaja left the Saluting Base, the Travancore Staudard was struck and the Union Jack (rolled) hoisted on the Flag Staff.

The Commandant then assumed command of the troops, and the Parade for the King-Emperor commenced The Brigade, after sloping arms, gave a Royal Salute. The "Union Jack" was broken at the head of the Flag Staff as the troops presented arms, and the Band played "God Save the King" in full.

The Brigade then fired a feu-de-joie of three rounds, with an Artillery Salute of thirty-one guns. After the right Battery had fired the first ten rounds of the Artillery Salute, the first round of the feu-de-joie was fired by the infantry, aud on its conclusion, the first half of "God Save the Kiug" was played by the Baud. Again, after the left Battery had fired the second ten rounds of the Artillery Salute, the second round of the feu-de-joie was fired by the infantry, aud the second part of "God Save the King" was played by the Band "God Save the King" in full was played after the right Battery had fired the fiual eleven rounds of the Artillery Salute and the iufantry had fired the third round of the feu-de-joie.

After the feu-de-joie was completed, bayonets were fixed, arms sloped, and a final Royal Salute given. As the troops presented arms, the Band again played "God Save the King" in full. Three cheers for the King-Emperor were then called for and were heartily respouded to. The King-Emperor's parade then terminated, and the Union Jack was accordingly struck.

The Travancore Standard was then re-hoisted, and the Brigade under the Commandant marched past in open column of squadrous, batteries and companies in the following order:—

(a) His Highness the Maharaja's Body Guard.
(b) The Artillery of the Nayar Brigade in two Batteries.
(c) First Battalion, Nayar Brigade.
(d) Second Battalion, Nayar Brigade.

After the "March Past" in open column, His Highness' Body Guard formed up and "Trotted Past." Then the First and Second Battalions "Marched Past" in Close Column.

His Highness the Maharaja took the Salutes from the troops during these "Marches Past".

The troops finally formed up in line of Close Columns on their original alignment. On the departure of His Highness the Maharaja and the members of His Highness' party, the Brigade gave a final Salute with the Band playing the Travancore National Anthem.

The Agent to the Governor-General's departure immediately followed that of His Highness and party, and the Brigade gave him a General Salute.

The troops marched back to quarters at about 8 A. M.

Many of the chief officers and the leading citizens of Trivandrum were present to witness the parade.

6. From early morning the whole town was astir, and put on a holiday appearance. The roads, public buildings and private houses were gaily decorated with flags, festoons and ever-greens, and inscriptions and mottoes expressing good wishes to the King-Emperor were seen on all sides.

7. At 4.30 P. M. His Highness the Maharaja held a Public Durbar in the Durbar Hall, Public Offices building, to receive from the Agent to the Governor-General a Kharita addressed to His Highness by His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General of India.

His Highness the Maharaja's Body Guard and the First and Second Battalions of the Nayar Brigade with Band and Colours paraded in the maidan in front of the Durbar Hall and were in position by 4.15 P. M. The parade was under the command of Captain W. M. Fairley. The Band was also placed in front of the Durbar Hall. The Artillery was posted on the Police parade ground to the east of the Public Offices building. The State elephants, fully caparisoned, were drawn up in the rear of the troops inside the Public Offices enclosure. The Imperial Banner presented by Her Majesty Queen Victoria in the year 1877 stood behind the Musnad.

His Highness the Elaya Raja arrived at the Durbar Hall at 4·20 P. M. and was received by the Dewan, the assembled troops paying the usual honours.

His Highness the Maharaja, escorted by the Body Guard, arrived at 4.25 P. M. and on alighting was received by the Dewan. A salute of 21 guns was fired on His Highness' arrival and the assembled troops paid the usual honours.

Lieut. Col. Garstin, Agent to the Governor-General, escorted by a detachment of His Highness' Body Guard arrived at 4.30 P. M. in His Highness' State Carriage, the artillery and troops paying the usual honours on arrival at the Durbar Hall. He was met by the Dewan on alighting from the carriage and was received at the top of the steps by His Highness the Elaya Raja who conducted him to the centre of the Hall, where His Highness the Maharaja welcomed him and led him to his seat, the Elaya Raja following.

The company being assembled, the Agent to the Governor-General presented a Kharita from His Excellency the Viceroy, placed in a silver salver, to His Highness the Maharaja who handed it to the Dewan to be read. On the presentation of the Kharita the whole assembly rose and remained standing until it was read.

The following is the text of the Kharita:—.

To

His Highness Sri Padmanabha Dasa Vanchi
Pala Rama Varma Kulasekhara Kiritapati
Manney Sultan Maha Raja Raja Ramaraja
Bahadur Shamsher Jang,
Maharaja of Travancore.

MY HONOURED AND VALUED FRIEND,

It is with sincere pleasure that I have heard of the preparations which Your Highness has made in order to commemorate, in a manner befitting the occasion, the twenty-fifth year of the reign of His Most Gracious Majesty the King, Emperor of India. We are all united to-day by our deep devotion to the persons of Their Majesties, and it will be specially gratifying to me to inform His Majesty of this spontaneous expression of loyalty and affection on your part.

His Majesty has during the years of his reign set us all a magnificent example of duty and service and has gained the whole-hearted devotion and loyalty of all his subjects throughout the Empire. Never was this more clearly shown than during those terrible years of the Great War when the Ruling Princes of India freely put forth their resources and stood side by side with the people of Great Britain and His Majesty's Dominions throughout the world in defence of the Empire. That devastating struggle not only entailed vast sacrifices while the War itself endured: it gave rise to an economic upheaval which, even after the coming of peace, has continued to disturb the whole structure of the civilized world. But, as the forces of the Crown emerged triumphant from the ordeal of the War, so in the years that have followed, the resources of the Empire have stood firm against the dangers and trials that the War brought in its train. Under the protecting shelter of His Majesty's rule the Ruling Princes of India have now for long enjoyed the blessings of peace and they have been free to devote their time and attention to the welfare of their subjects and the moral and material advancement of their States.

For India, it has been a period of great changes. We have taken a full part in the Councils of that great family, the British Commonwealth of Nations; far-reaching internal reforms have been inaugurated, and the long and earnest deliberations in which for many years now His Majesty's Gvernment and the Princes and Peoples of India have shared, will, I earnestly hope, lead to the establishment of a greater India in the Government of which the Princes will take the part which is theirs by right of their magnificent traditions and inheritance.

I am happy to learn that Your Highness has so readily taken the opportunity afforded by this auspicious occasion to show your just appreciation of the great benefits which you have experienced under the benign and beneficent rule of His Majesty the King.

I can assure you that it is our Gracious Sovereign's desire to extend to you on all occasions his warm sympathy and hearty assistance, to support your authority, enhance your personal consideration, and to maintain unbroken the cordial relations which have at all times subsisted between His Majesty's Government and Your Highness.

I desire to express the high consideration which I entertain for Your Highness and to subscribe myself,

Simla,
The 25th April 1935,

Your Highness' sincere friend,
(Sd.) WILLINGDON,
Viceroy and Governor-General of India.

After the reading of the Kharita the troops presented arms and a salute of 31 guns was fired.

At the termination of the Durbar, His Highness the Maharaja presented pansupari to the Agent to the Governor-General. The Agent to the Governor-General took leave of His Highness. His Highness the Maharaja accompanied him to the centre of the Hall, from where His Highness the Elaya Raja conducted him to the top of the steps. The Dewan took the Agent to the Governor-General from His Highness the Elaya Raja and conducted him to his carriage. The Agent to the Governor-General left under the usual salutes from the artillery and the troops.

His Highness the Maharaja then left the Durbar Hall, a salute of 21 guns being fired and the assembled troops paying the usual honours. His Highness the Elaya Raja then left the Durbar Hall, the assembled troops paying the usual honours.

8. In pursuance of the programme, there was a general illumination of the town on the nights of the 6th and 7th May by the State and the public. The main roads and streets in the town, the public buildings, the Residency, the Palaces and all important private buildings were brilliantly illuminated with multicoloured electric bulbs and flood-lights and the whole town presented a gay and festive sight.

9. A second State Durbar was held at 4 P. M. on the 7th May in the Durbar Hall, Public Offices building, for the presentation of Their Majesties' Silver Jubilee Medals by His Highness the Maharaja. The Nayar Brigade with its Band and Colours, and the State elephants gorgeously decorated were drawn up on the maidan in the Public Offices enclosure in front of the Durbar Hall as on the previous day. The artillery was, as usual, posted on the Police parade ground.

His Highness the Elaya Raja arrived at the Durbar Hall at 3-55 P. M. and was received by the Dewan. The assembled troops paid the usual honours. His Highness the Maharaja arrived at 4. P. M. and, on alighting, was received by the Dewan, the assembled troops paying the usual honours. A salute of 21 guns was fired on His Highness' arrival. The Dewan conducted His Highness to the Musnad. The whole assembly rose and remained standing until His Highness took his seat.

The Jubilee Medals were then presented by His Highness the Maharaja to the following persons :—

Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Habibullah Sahib Bahadur,
K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., Kt., LL. D.
Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar K. C. I.E.
Dewan Bahadur V. S. Subramonia Aiyar
Mr. E. Subramonia Aiyar
Mr. G. Parameswaran Pillai
Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai
Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai
Mr. K. George
Mr. R. M. Statham C. I. E.
Mr. James Simpson
Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar
Lieutenant K. V. Sankunni Nair
Mr. A. Nallaperumal Pillai
Mr. Malloor K. Govinda Pillai
Mrs. M. Poonen Lukose
Mr. K. P. P. Menon
Rao Sahib *Udarasiromani* T. Padmanabha Row
Vastuvidya Kusala C. Balakrishna Row
Rao Sahib Ullur S. Parameswara Aiyar
Mr. R. Atchuthan Pillai
Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai
Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan
Mr. T. R. Raman Pillai
Risaldar Major Mahommed Fais-ud-din
Mr. K. Sambasiva Sastri
Mr. Syed Usman
Mr. S. Adam Sait
Mr. N. G. Hayden
Mr. K. C. Karunakaran.

After the presentation of the Medals, His Highness the Maharaja left the Hall, the Dewan conducting His Highness to the carriage. When His Highness left, a salute of 21 guns was fired and the assembled troops paid the usual honours. His Highness the Elaya Raja then left the Hall, the Dewan leading him to the carriage under the usual honours from the assembled troops.

10. At 8. 30 P. M. the same evening His Highness the Maharaja gave a State Banquet at the Kanakakunnu Palace in honour of the Silver Jubilee. The guests assembled in the Reception Room before 8 P. M. Mr. Goda Varma Raja arrived at 8·15 P. M.

His Highness the Maharaja accompanied by Her Highness Setu Parvati Bayi and Her Highness the First Princess arrived at 8·20 P. M. and was received by the Dewan and was announced by the Aide-de-Camp in attendance. The assembled guests were presented to His Highness by the Dewan and to Her Highness by Lieut Col. Stewart, Commandant, Nayar Brigade.

The Agent to the Governor-General arrived at 8-30 P. M. and was received by the Dewan. His Highness The Maharaja, Her Highness the Maharani and Her Highness the First Princess met him in the Reception Room.

The Band playing 'The Roast Beef of Old England,' His Highness the Maharaja led the procession into the Dining Room followed by the Agent to the Governor-General and Her Highness the Maharani and all the other guests in due order of precedence.

His Highness the Maharaja proposed the toast of His Majesty the King-Emperor of India, as well as of Her Majesty the Queen-Empress and the Royal Family with the following speech :—

" Col. Garstin, ladies and gentlemen,

" With feelings of sincere loyalty, and in full remembrance and realisation of the close ties that unite me and my State, with the person and Throne of His Majesty, I rise on this happy occasion of the Silver Jubilee of his reign to propose the health, the long life, and the prosperity of His Imperial Majesty the King, Emperor of India, who has completed twenty-five years of his memorable reign. It is not out of place to add that this year also marks the sixth centenary of the accession to the Throne of the first historically recorded ancestor of mine who, according to our chronicles assumed Kingship of a portion of this State in the year 1335.

" The English, whose first settlement in Travancore was in 1684, very soon became the steadfast friends and allies of the successive Rulers of my State, who gave them assistance in the military campaigns of the 18th century. They, in turn, came to the help of the then Ruler of Travancore during the Mysore War which was waged with the object, among others, of defending Travancore against the hostilities of Tippu Sultan. From the time of the first treaty of alliance between Travancore and the British in 1795 up to this moment their mutual relations have been characterised by uninterrupted and close friendship ; and the amity and loyalty of the Rulers towards the King have been acknowledged on several occasions, and in many ways, one of the most significant being the presentation of a banner to His Highness The Maharaja of Travancore by Queen Victoria in 1877, the year in which she assumed the title of Empress of India.

" The rejoicings on the present auspicious occasion, and the sentiments to which I give expression are, thus, not a matter of convention but the manifestation of feelings sanctified by memories of joint endeavour and reciprocal assistance, and proved by many acts of personal kindness, displayed towards the Rulers of the State by successive British Sovereigns. Also, it is not only as the embodiment of the Paramount Power that I refer to His Majesty on this occasion, but as one who, by his personal qualities and achievements in times of stress and strain, has vindicated monarchy and has elevated Kingship to a position almost unique in the history of the world, and has given a great example to those, who in their own spheres are endeavouring to keep alive the ideals of Kingship. His Majesty has, throughout his reign, identified himself with his peoples in their suffering and in their triumph, and has been rightly termed the most hardworked public servant of his day performing his many tasks in the social and political spheres with marvellous tact and unobtrusiveness and with signal success. The success has been so remarkable that to-day, amidst all the convulsions that have overtaken the world, the Crown of England stands above all parties and political creeds, as the symbol of a very real unity and as the apex of an Empire diverse in many respects, but combined in homage to His Majesty.

" To us in India, King George V is more than a distant name. His Majesty visited us when he was Prince of Wales, and again along with Her Majesty held the great Durbar in Delhi. Many Indian Rulers, including myself, who have had the opportunity of paying our respects to Their Majesties in person, know that the King Emperor takes a lively and personal interest in the problems confronting the people, and the Princes of India. They, in their turn, entertain for him not only the loyalty that is laid down as their sacred duty in their scriptures and their traditions, but the admiration and affection due to a Sovereign who combines in himself, the status and dignity of the Crowned Head of a Great Commonwealth and Empire and the kindliness and tact of the head of a worldwide family.

"The identity of interests between the Crown and the States is not mere political theory, but is felt to be the result of deep sympathy and understanding on the one hand, and the feeling of guaranteed position and assured prosperity on the other.

"The unexampled enthusiasm and many-sided activities characterising this celebration are a splendid token of the gratitude of the Empire towards its Sovereign, and a most happy augury for the future.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I propose the toast of His Majesty the King, Emperor of India, as well as of Her Majesty the Queen-Empress and the Royal Family.

The toast was received with enthusiastic cheers, the Band playing the first six bars of "God Save the King".

The Agent to the Governor-General then proposed the toast of His Highness the Maharaja as follows:—

"Your Highness, ladies and gentlemen,

"You will all realise how deeply I appreciate on this great and auspicious occasion the high honour which has fallen to me of acknowledging the loyal and devoted tribute which, in the speech that we have just heard, Your Highness has paid to the great and noble qualities of our beloved Sovereign His Imperial Majesty the King-Emperor and Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress. As Your Highness has well said our King-Emperor and the Royal Family have established for themselves a Royal position unique in the history of the relations between King and subject so that, by the King's grace, we have come to look upon His Imperial Majesty as the head of a family; a great family of peoples in all parts of the world forming a true fellowship of different races and bound to him by ties of affection and loyalty. And this great result has been achieved, as Your Highness has pointed out, by a wonderful personal relationship which Their Majesties have established throughout the Empire. The traditional loyalty of the Travancore Ruling Family to the British Crown is proverbial and so well-known that I need not dwell upon it; but I may be permitted here the honour of acknowledging Your Highness' expression of loyal sentiments which have so aptly and so fittingly described what Your Highness' celebrations shew forth. I shall of course take the necessary steps for the due submission of these sentiments to His Imperial Majesty.

"All of us must have been greatly interested in the reference Your Highness made to the fact that this occasion marks also the sixth centenary of the accession of the first historically recorded ancestor of Your Highness to the kingship of a portion of Travancore State in the year 1335. Allow me, Your Highness, on behalf of all those whom I have the honour to represent and for myself to offer Your Highness our warmest congratulations on this very happy coincidence. I followed with great interest the sketch Your Highness gave of the first coming of the English to Travancore State in the year 1684, and the beginnings of the subsequent relationship which great historical events fashioned between the successive Rulers of your State and the English. Let me assure Your Highness that the reputation of the House of Travancore for tolerance to all creeds and classes has been appreciated by no community more than by the one which is composed of, in its widest sense, the "English" race. Speaking on their behalf let me add, Your Highness, how I well know that no community in this State has a higher regard for the person of Your Highness nor cherishes a more earnest, sincerer wish for the welfare and happiness of Your Highness and the Ruling Family of Travancore.

"The manner in which this great Jubilee is being celebrated in Travancore State it will be a great pleasure to me to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Viceroy; and I know that the various functions and festivities that are being held in honour of it throughout the State will be greatly appreciated. As Your Highness has said, this display of loyal enthusiasm characterising these celebrations are indeed splendid evidence of the gratitude we all of us feel towards our beloved Sovereign and is a most happy augury for the future. Your Highness, in early manhood the future is yours; perhaps just at the moment it may seem as though the shattered wrecks of some world hopes "lie thicker on the strand"; but the great and noble example of the King-Emperor in years of stress and manifold difficulties will ever be an inspiration for steadfastness and courage.

I am confident that by reliance on your own qualities and faith in yourself, Your Highness, with loyal devotion to the head of the British Commonwealth of Nations will, with God's aid, carry forward in high endeavour to full achievement the great traditions of the Travancore Ruling House.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I will now ask you to join with me in drinking to the health of His Highness the Maharaja; to thank him for his hospitality to-night; to express our appreciation of his celebrations of the Jubilee of our Most Gracious Sovereign His Imperial Majesty the King-Emperor; and to wish His Highness and the Ruling Family of Travancore all happiness and welfare in the future".

The toast was received with enthusiastic cheers; and the band played the Travancore National Anthem in full.

11. The Banquet over, a short interval was spent in conversation before His Highness and the guests went out into the garden to witness a display of fireworks in the premises of the Kanakakunnu Palace. At the conclusion of the fireworks the Agent to the Governor-General left the Kanakakunnu Palace. His Highness the Maharaja left the Palace then, followed by Her Highness the Maharani, Her Highness the First Princess and Mr. Goda Varma Raja. Large crowds had assembled to witness the show.

DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE PEOPLE.

12. A Public meeting was held at the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, Trivandrum, on Monday the 28th January 1935, with Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Habibulla, Dewan of Travancore, in the chair, to concert measures for the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty the King-Emperor in a fitting manner, and to raise contributions for a Travancore Silver Jubilee Fund and for the Silver Jubilee Fund organised by His Excellency the Viceroy. The following resolutions were passed at the meeting:—

(1) "That this Public meeting of the people of Travancore expresses its profound joy at the approaching Silver Jubilee of His Majesty the King-Emperor's accession to the Throne and resolves to celebrate the happy event in a befitting manner.

(2) "That a telegram of congratulations be despatched to reach His Majesty on the 6th May 1935.

(3) "That contributions be raised for the expenses of the celebrations, for a Travancore Silver Jubilee Fund and for the Silver Jubilee Fund organised by His Excellency Lord Willingdon.

(4) "That a general committee consisting of the persons mentioned in the Appendix, with M. R. Ry. Dewan Bahadur V. S. Subramonia Aiyar Avl., as President, Messrs. Rao Sahib *Udarasiromani* T. Padmanabha Row, E. J. Philipose, C. Madhavan Pillai and G. V. Venkatakrishnaiah, as Joint Secretaries and Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai, as Treasurer, be formed to carry out the above resolutions.

(5) "That a Working Committee consisting of the following persons be formed with power to co-opt up to a total strength of 30, to conduct the celebrations and to do all that may be necessary to carry out the object of the meeting.

M. R. Ry. Dewan Bahadur V. S. Subramonia Aiyar Avl.
" Rao Sahib *Udarasiromani* T. Padmanabha Row Avl.
Mr. E. J. Philipose
Mr. C. Madhavan Pillai
Mr. G. V. Venkatakrishnaiah
Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai
Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai
Mr. K. George
Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai
Mr. Changanacherry K. Parameswaran Pilla
Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai
Dr. K. T. Mathew
Mr. A. Nallaperumal Pillai
Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar
Sahib Bahadur V. Chandamiah Sahib

Mr. R. M. Statham
Miss D. H. Watts
Mrs. N. Kunjan Pillai
Mr. G. B. E. Truscott
Mr. James Simpson
Captain W. M. Fairley
Miss Anna Nidhiri
Mr. M. Govindan
Mr. S. Chattanatha Karayalar
Mr. A. Thanu Pillai
Mr. Malloor K. Govinda Pillai

13. The message from His Highness the Maharaja, calling upon the people to celebrate the occasion in a befitting manner, was heartily responded to by the public. Subscriptions poured in from all parts of the State and the collections up to 27th May 1935 amounted to Rs. 40,423-0-3, besides the donation of a lakh of rupees by His Highness the Maharaja to His Majesty the King-Emperor's Silver Jubilee Fund.

14. In the name of the people of Travancore the Central Committee sent the following message of congratulations to Their Majesties through the Agent to the Governor-General:—

> "The people of Travancore beg respectfully to convey to Your Majesties their loyal and sincere congratulations and felicitations on the happy occasion of Your Majesties' Silver Jubilee, and pray for Your Majesties' long life and happiness."

15. Another message of loyal felicitations and greetings from the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, was also communicated to the Agent to the Governor-General, for due submission to Their Majesties.

CELEBRATIONS IN THE TRIVANDRUM DIVISION.

16. On the 6th and 7th May there were festivities in Trivandrum for the entertainment of all classes of people. Rope-dancing *Ottamthullal, Kathakali, Thiruvathirakali,* wrestling and circus were some of the gaieties provided.

17. The owners of private buildings, shops, etc., decorated the frontage o their buildings in a manner befitting the great occasion.

18. Poor feeding was held between 12 noon and 3 P. M. on the 6th May at four centres of the town *viz.*, Kumarapuram Kanjipura, Old Jail premises inside the Fort, Konchiravila Kanjipura and Poojapura Maidan. The inmates of the Hospitals at Oolampara were also fed. The local Municipality also conducted a poor feeding. Over 15,000 persons in all were sumptuously fed.

19. At 4 P. M. on the same day, a treat was given to the School girls. Refreshments were also provided to the school children who assembled at the Attakulangara Vernacular High School. After refreshment, they started in procession from the above school and accompanied by the Police band proceeded to the Vellayambalam square and back to the Cavalry Parade ground. During the procession the boys shouted cheers to Their Majesties and His Highness the Maharaja.

20. At 7 P. M. a huge bonfire was lit at the Cavalry parade ground. The bonfire pile was 20 ft. square and 18 ft. high and it blazed steadily for an hour.

21. At 4 P. M. on the 8th May a combined Rally of the Boy Scouts and Girl-Guides was held in the premises of the Law College. His Highness the Maharaja, the Chief Scout, His Highness the Elaya Raja, the Chief Cub, and Her Highness the First Princess, the Chief Guide, attended the function. At the close of the Rally, His Highness the Maharaja proposed three cheers to Their Majesties which were lustily responded to.

22. The celebrations in the mofussil stations were also conducted on a grand scale by the respective taluk committees with the hearty co-operation of the people.

Quilon Division.

23. Local Committees were organised in all the taluks of the Division with the respective Tahsildars or Presidents of Municipalities, as Presidents of the Committees. The public readily responded to the appeal to commemorate the occasion in a suitable manner. All the public and private buildings were beautifully decorated on the 6th and 7th May and the celebrations were commenced with the firing of petards and hoisting of the Union Jack. Special thanksgiving services were held in mosques and churches and poojas were performed in temples. In all the taluks, processions of school children were held with portraits of Their Majesties and of His Highness the Maharaja, tastefully decorated and carried on caparisoned elephants accompanied by band and music. Refreshments were given to school children and sports were held in almost all the taluks. The feeding of the poor was a characteristic feature of the celebrations in all places. Public meetings, variety entertainments, fireworks and illuminations were conducted in all the taluks of the Division.

Kottayam Division.

24. The public spared no pains to make the celebrations a grand success. Committees were formed of the officials and leading citizens at all the taluk head-quarters and at Poonjar, and the celebrations were conducted in a systematic manner according to the programmes carefully drawn up. The public and private buildings at head-quarters and important mofussil centres were magnificently decorated and the advent of the happy day was announced everywhere by the firing of a volley of 101 *Kathinas* at sun rise on the 6th May. Special poojas and thanksgiving services were conducted in temples, churches and mosques. Processions with caparisoned elephants bearing the portraits of Their Majesties and of His Highness the Maharaja, public meetings, poor feeding, sports, variety entertainments, fireworks and illuminations formed the main items of the celebrations.

Devicolam Division.

25. At Devicolam the celebrations were conducted on the 7th May in order to enable the local people to attend the functions at Munnar and Pallivasal which were fixed to take place on the 6th May. The celebrations began with the firing of petards which was continued till 3 P. M. Procession and sports were also held and the European ladies and gentlemen were treated to tea at the Commissioner's Bungalow. A public meeting was held at 4 P. M. after which refreshments were served to the Indian ladies and gentlemen who attended the meeting. The whole town was brilliantly illuminated at night. The celebrations at Peermade, Munnar, Pallivasal and other places in the Division were similarly conducted with great enthusiasm and eclat.

26. His Highness' Government fully acknowledge the good work done by the Central and Local Silver Jubilee Committees to make the celebrations a great success and record their high appreciation of the enthusiasm and loyalty shown by the public of Travancore on the occasion.

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